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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAVULAK ET AL.

Examiner

Derrick W. Ferris

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 October 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,011,844 A to *Uppaluru et al.* (“*Uppaluru*”).

As to **claim 1**, *Uppaluru* teaches a telecommunications system adapted to perform as a call receiving center for an inbound telemarketing campaign. It is important to note that applicant cites the *Uppaluru* reference in the background of applicant's disclosure, see page 4 first full paragraph. Examiner would like to point out that the issues raised by the applicant for this reference are *not* recited in the claims. These issues include supporting a large number of POP call center gateways, is limited to 800 number calls, and does not eliminate the need to have a fully equipped business call center in communication with the POP call center gateway. The examiner would encourage the applicant to amend the claims to include these limitations, however, the examiner feels these limitations are obvious in view of the prior art (i.e., the examiner may change this rejection to an obviousness rejection if applicant amends the claims). The examiner would also like to caution the applicant in adding new subject matter depending on how

these limitations are recited in the claims (i.e., the examiner strongly encourages applicant to provide support for such claim amendments in applicant's specification).

With respect to the anticipated rejection, *Uppaluru* discloses a scalable network architecture. In particular, *Uppaluru* shows in figure 5, a POP call center 152 that acts as a hub which interfaces with various business call center spokes 150 where each spoke is from the same business center. Here the business call centers are geographically dispersed from the POP call center (i.e., the backend is at a different location). Furthermore, examiner notes specifically functionality in the front end as opposed to the back end. Specifically, in comparison to applicant's figure 2, the IVR (i.e., the VRU) is in the front end (i.e., the hub) while the ACD is in the back end (i.e., the spoke or remote site), see e.g., column 2, lines 43-67. The gateway uses the translated 800 number (that was translated to a local number) to identify an IVR application that can either be replicated at the POP call center or dynamically accessed from the business call center (i.e., remote site). Specifically, the POP call center (i.e., hub) responds to the incoming call with an IVR application customized to the business call center that was called by the customer. The connectivity member can be either the long distance network 14 or the call center network 148 where the call center network can also transport voice.

As to **claims 2-4**, see e.g., column 4, lines 60-67.

As to **claims 5-6**, see e.g., column 2, lines 43-56.

As to **claims 7-8**, see e.g., column 4, lines 60-67.

As to **claims 9-12**, see e.g., column 4, lines 25-30.

As to **claim 13**, see e.g., column 3, lines 57-63.

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As to **claims 14-15**, see e.g., column 4, lines 60-67.

As to **claim 16**, see e.g., column 3, lines 58-67.

As to **claims 17-20**, see e.g., figure 3.

As to **claims 21-22**, see column 5, lines 1-14.

As to **claim 23**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- ❑ US005923745A - see figure 2.
- ❑ US006122364A – see figure 1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derrick W. Ferris whose telephone number is (703) 305-4225. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (703) 308-5340. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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